

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 1-14 are currently pending. Claim 1 is amended by this Response. Claims 2-7 are amended by this Response due to their dependency upon amended claim 1. Claims 8-14 have been added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Objection to Specification:

The specification was objected to, requiring updating of the priority sentence to reference the issued patent number in lieu of the application number. Correction is made.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 (paragraph 2)

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph due to the passage “adapted to be received be clamped”. The phrase has been removed.

Art Rejections)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 as being anticipated by Powell and claims 3 and 6 as being obvious in light of Powell combined with Hukuba (claim 3) or Andrasko (claim 6). None of the cited references show or suggest printing equipment and therefore the Applicant submits that the cited references are nonanalogous art. Further, none of the references show or suggest a cleaning roller that replaces another kind of tool in an apparatus. Specifically, the claims recite an arrangement by which a cleaning tool replaces, or stands in the place of, the common tools (i.e. squeegee or flood bar) of a printing apparatus, making use of the same structure as is used to attach the squeegee or flood bar to the printing apparatus. The pending independent claims, and all dependent claims through dependency, recite this tool-replacement aspect of the invention:

Claim 1: . . . said bracket being adapted to mate with the squeegee mounting assembly of the screen-printing apparatus such that said

cleaning attachment can be mounted to the screen-printing apparatus in place of a squeegee.

Claim 8: . . . said bracket being adapted to mate with the flood bar mounting assembly of the screen-printing apparatus such that said cleaning attachment can be mounted to the screen-printing apparatus in place of a flood bar.

Thus, the Applicant submits that the claims recite an apparatus not shown or suggested by the prior art.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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